

Brodnick et al.**U.S. Serial No. 09/661,064****REMARKS**

Applicant has filed, contemporaneously herewith, a Request for Continued Examination. This Preliminary Amendment qualifies as the "submission" required under 37 CFR §1.114. Entry and consideration of each is appreciated.

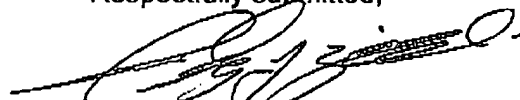
On March 1, 2004, the Examiner mailed an Advisory Action reiterating the previously-made final rejection of claims 1-15 and 36 under 35 USC §§102(b) and 103(a). The Examiner indicated that Applicant's After Final amendment filed February 17, 2003 was not entered as requiring additional search and consideration. Applicant has herein canceled pending claims 1-15 and 36 and submitted new claims 37-61 for examination. Responsive thereto, Applicant believes claims 37-61 define the invention over the art of record.

Claims 37 and 52 each individually include elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, Applicant believes that which is called for in claims 37 and 52 is patentably distinct over the art of record. As such, Applicant believes claims 38-51 and 52-61 are patentably distinct over the art of record at least through the chain of dependency.

Therefore, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 37-61.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Ziolkowski
Registration No. 38,368
Direct Dial 262.376.5170
tjz@zpspatents.com

Dated: March 17, 2004
Attorney Docket No.: GEMS8081.040

P.O. ADDRESS:
Ziolkowski Patent Solutions Group, LLC
14135 North Cedarburg Road
Mequon, WI 53097-1416
262-376-5170